



The BRC Food Standard today



In 1 year **1,600** auditors spend **33,000** days
auditing **18,000** facilities in **115** countries,
against **18** Food categories & **279** clauses.
160,000 non-conformities will be issued and
corrected.

The largest and most widely adopted Food
Safety Standard in the world

The Global supply chain



Ever more complex

- Drive for new and interesting products to meet consumer tastes
- Globalisation of retailers and manufacturers
- Increased access to market and search for new cheaper suppliers particularly in developing countries
- Growth in Traders and Agents to facilitate the international trade of food ingredients

Development of Food Issue 7 objectives



Standards developed by a multi-stakeholder group including Retailers, Manufacturers & Certification Bodies

Update
the
Standard
to reflect
emerging
concerns

Complexity of supply chains Fraud
Horsemeat - Adulteration

Flexibility to meet customer needs in
different markets

Development of effective entry level
standards

Influence of horsemeat



Toxic mix of deliberate fraud at a supplier and lack of awareness of the level of risk by buyers

Highlighted

- Complexity of supply chains - Transparency
- Traceability not as good as we thought
- Vulnerability of manufacturers to being defrauded

TRUST

THE SUNDAY TIMES
Illegal trade in horsemeat sparked burger scare
20 January 2013

AN INVESTIGATION into horse meat in supermarket burgers began after warnings that unwanted horses were being illegally sold into the food chain, it emerged this weekend.

Food investigators in Ireland sampled a range of beef products amid concern that horses in Ireland were being traded with false documentation for slaughter and sale to the continent.



Unwanted horses have been sold into the food chain

BBC NEWS
10 April 2013
Horsemeat scandal: Dutch uncover large-scale meat fraud

Some 50,000 tonnes of meat supplied by two Dutch trading companies and sold as beef across Europe since January 2011 may have contained horsemeat.

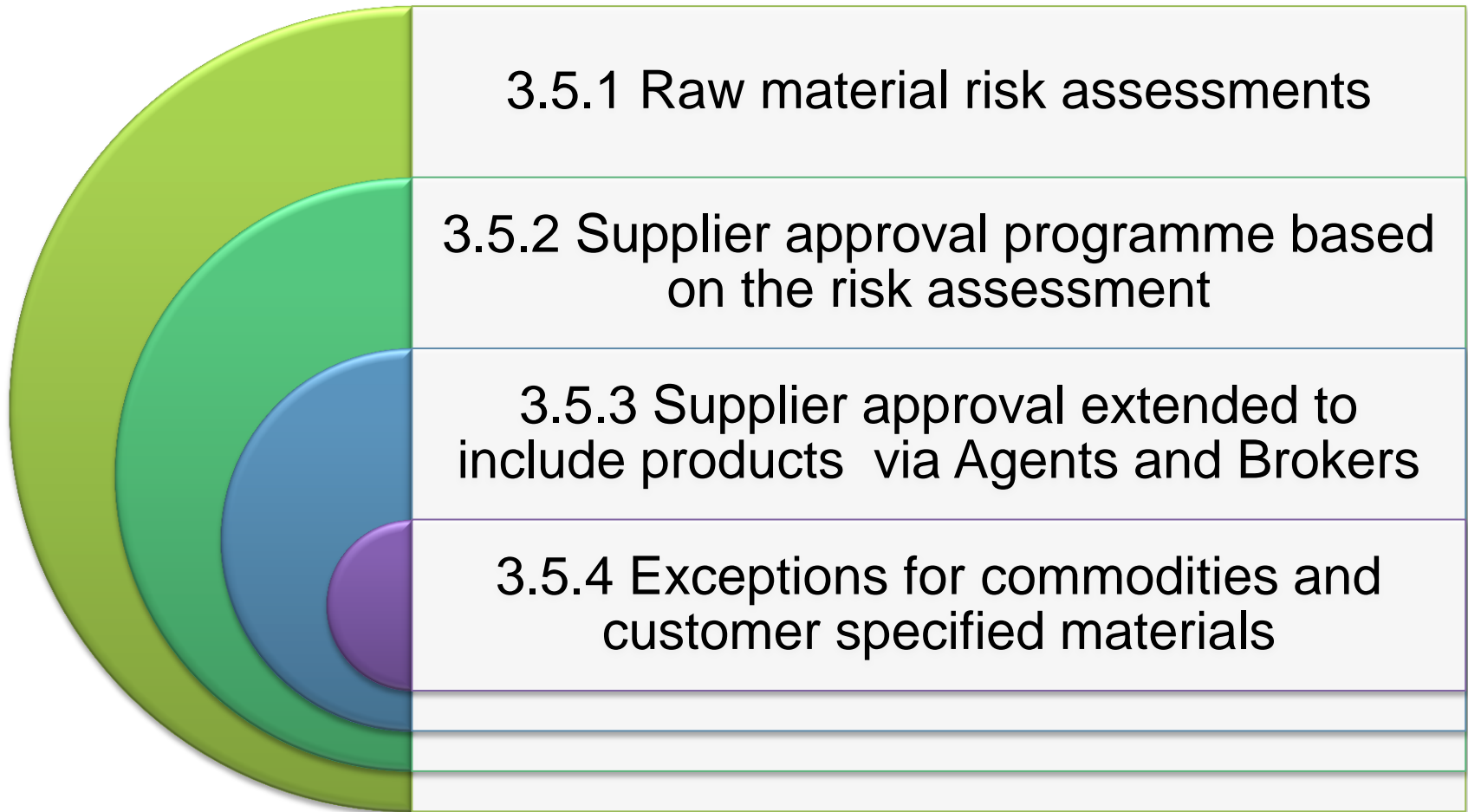
In total, 132 companies in the Netherlands and some 370 more around Europe are affected by the discovery.



The horsemeat scandal has damaged European consumer confidence in processed food

Changes in issue 7 on supply chain management

Supplier Approval



New - Agents and Brokers Standard



- Adding confidence
- Traceability
- Supplier approval
- Management of services



Traceability



Objective

- Meet concerns regarding supply chain traceability
- Visibility where agents and brokers are used

Change

- 2 new clauses:
 - Greater assurance of supplier traceability
 - Agents and brokers accountability



Authenticity



Objective

- Encourage development of systems to avoid purchase of fraudulent products
- Response to requirements of Elliott report

Change

- **3 new clauses:**
 - Access to information to inform risk assessments
 - Vulnerability assessment of raw materials
 - Introduction of risk based testing or assurance to mitigate risk.

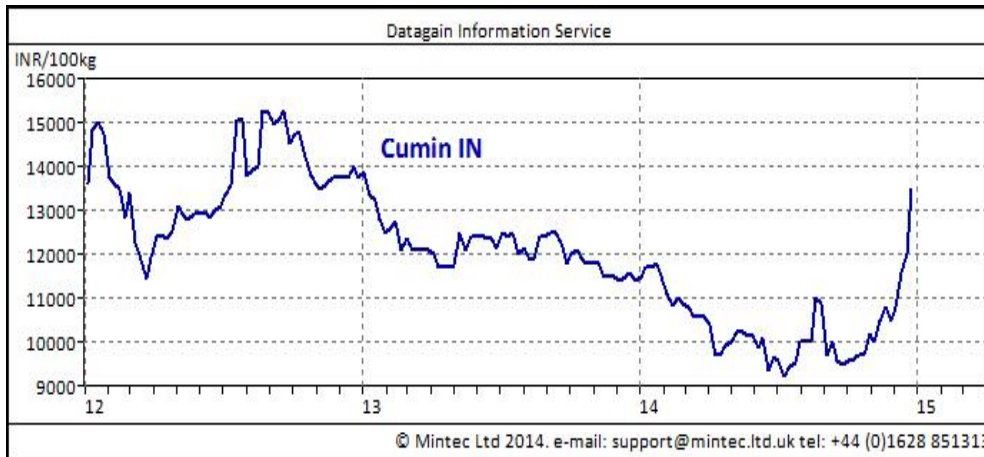
Cumin prices rise on delayed plantings

January 9, 2015

Indian cumin prices have risen sharply, by 30% since the beginning of December.

Cumin prices have been driven up by delayed sowing, which is currently 20-25 days behind schedule due to hot weather conditions.

Moreover, total planted area for cumin is projected to decrease this year, by around 25-30% due to competition from other, more profitable spices like coriander and fenugreek. India is the major worldwide producer of cumin and is responsible for over half of the world crop.



FOOD SAFETY NEWS - உணவே உலகம்

“three big factories in Gujarat which indulged in the act of adulteration. These factories used artificial colours and Rajasthan marble dust powder to adulterate cumin, with the sole objective of increasing their profit margin. We seized about 20,000 kg of cumin seeds – estimated to be worth more than Rs 7 lakh”
12 November 2012



GLOBAL STANDARD
FOOD SAFETY ISSUE 7

UNDERSTANDING VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT

PAS 96:2014

Guide to protecting and defending food
and drink from deliberate attack



 Department
for Environment
Food & Rural Affairs

 Food
Standards
Agency
food.gov.uk

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Vulnerability Assessments of Food Systems

Final Summary Report
June 2009 – February 2012



BRC Global Standards Understanding Vulnerability Assessment

BRC Global Standards - Understanding Vulnerability Assessment

In a live event at 15:00 GMT on 24 February 2015, hear from John Figgins (Technical Specialist – Food, BRC Global Standards) on Understanding Vulnerability Assessment, a key topic addressed in our Food 7 publication. John will be taking you through the requirements of the new Standard surrounding food fraud, and each of the stages necessary to successfully conduct a vulnerability assessment, including:

Unannounced audits



First available in issue 5 and extended into 2 alternative formats for issue 6open to all in Issue 7

Unannounced audits

- Reflect consumer expectations
- Encourage a stronger food safety culture
- Provide greater transparency
- Build confidence in the supply chain.

Over 900 sites now part of the BRC unannounced audit programme



Conclusions



- Our supply chains are becoming increasingly complex and international in nature
- The complexity offers consumers choice and ever more exotic foods but also adds challenges for our manufacturers.
- Greater transparency and information sharing up and down the supply chain becomes ever more important to provide confidence to customers.
- The developments within issue 7 of the BRC food standard are designed to form a framework for best practice, transparency and risk mitigation.

Thank you

Any other questions or points for discussion?

BRC
Standard
changes



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